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SUBJECT: FRENCH SOCIALISTS AND PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE
PARTY.

REFS: A) PARIS 1486 B)CFR ARTICLE NO. 45 OF 11-10-76

C) CFR ARTICLE NO. 1 OF 1-5-77

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE OCCASION IN
DISCUSSIONS WITH SOCIALIST PARTY REPRESENTATIVES TO CORRECT
ANY MISAPPREHENSIONS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN LEFT AS A RESULT
OF MITTERRAND'S MEETING WITH PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE
PARTY REPRESENTATIVE.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD DRAW ON REFS B AND C REGARDING PUERTO
RICO TO MAKE THE POINT THAT PUERTO RICO'S COMMONWEALTH
STATUS HAS BEEN FREELY CHOSEN BY THE PUERTO RICAN ELECTORATE
IN SEVERAL REFERENDUMS AND THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT
POPULAR SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE.

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3. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT THE FIVE PUERTO
RICAN "CONDEMNED POLITICAL PRISONERS" WERE CONVICTED OF
CRIMES OF VIOLENCE RATHER THAN POLITICAL THOUGHT. OSCAR
COLLAZO IS SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE (COMMUTED FROM DEATH BY

TRUMAN) FOR MURDER OF A POLICEMAN DURING THE 1950 BLAIR
HOUSE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT TRUMAN. LOLITA

LABRON IS SERVING 16 1/2 TO 56 YEARS FOR ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON AND CONSPIRACY TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT FOR HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE 1954 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT IN WHICH FIVE CONGRESSMEN WERE WOUNDED. THREE OTHERS INVOLVED IN THE HOUSE INCIDENT, ANDRES FIGUEROA CORDERO, RAFAEL CANCEL MIRANDA, AND IRVING FLORES RODRIGUEZ, ARE SERVING 25-81 YEARS FOR ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL AND CONSPIRACY TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT.

4. COLLAZO BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE IN APRIL, 1966, AND LABRON IN MAY, 1973, BUT NEITHER HAS APPLIED FOR PAROLE. THE OTHER THREE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE IN JULY, 1979. NONE OF THE FIVE HAS APPLIED FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY. VANCE

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